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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Wehrbein, how does that loan forgiveness program for teachers figure into this mix? There is two point something million dollars that will go into the mainline budget for that program?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, it is in there. Yes, sir.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And that will be the first time...this will be the first time that funding is provided?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes. It's based on law a year ago.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But we're not mandated to provide it, are we?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Well, it is in law. I'm looking for the line.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But that doesn't mean we have to put money

into it, does it?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: It's not an entitlement, that's true.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And it's one of those ...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: We have \$2.7 each year.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: It's on line...it's page 81.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, so that would be \$2.7 each year.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Five point four for the two years.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes. No, it's \$2.7 each year; \$5.4 total,

yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Right, for the...